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Applicant Belov, et al  
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Title METHOD FOR INCREASING THE DYNAMIC RANGE OF  
MASS SPECTROMETERS

TC/A.U. 2881  
Examiner Gurzo, Paul M.

Docket No. 13170-E

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Commissioner for Patents  
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### RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Responsive to the interview summary mailed 09/24/03, and as required under 37 CFR 1.133, the applicant hereby summarizes the interview of the undersigned with the Examiner of 11 September, 2003 as follows:

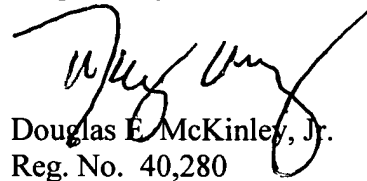
The examiner and the undersigned discussed the step of identifying undesired ions in relation to the measuring of the intensities of the mass spectrum of a first sample. The examiner and the undersigned each agreed that this step was not taught by the prior art of record. The examiner indicated that this step would distinguish the claims from the prior art of record, but further indicated that to consider such claims would require a new search, and therefore the examiner would not enter the amendment as the claims had been finally rejected. Instead, the examiner suggested that the applicant file a Request for Continuing Examination.

On September 17, 2003, the applicant filed a Request for Continuing Examination, including a preliminary amendment amending the claims to include the step discussed by the undersigned and the examiner. The Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place

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The above referenced application in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further observations or comments, she is invited to contact the undersigned for resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


  
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